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The FFA emblem is familiar to many people in Idaho. The FFA organization was founded in Idaho in

1929. Founded in 1927, the National FFA Organization is celebrating **75 years of success** in helping young men and women develop leadership skills and an appreciation for agriculture. The Idaho Charter for the FFA organization was the 17th Charter to be established in the United States.

Currently there are 91 high schools in Idaho that offer Agricultural Science & Technology (AST) programs to students in grades 9–12. Nearly 9000 students are enrolled in these programs.

As part of an AST program, students become involved in the student

organization called the FFA. The FFA used to be called the Future Farmers of America, but in 1991 the name was changed at the national level to the **National FFA Organization**.

In Idaho, 3500 students are members of the FFA and participate in projects, special activities and events that help them develop skills in leadership.

The Idaho FFA Foundation, Inc. was organized in the early 1980's to promote the FFA and provide financial resources for Idaho FFA programs and activities that benefit students and develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. For nearly 75 years, that purpose has been accomplished for hundreds of individuals who have been associated with the FFA in Idaho.

108 Agricultural Science instructors help students learn about food and fiber production, horticulture, career opportunities and a variety of related subjects in agriculture and natural resources. The Idaho State FFA Association is led by six elected student officers who serve for one year. The 2002-2003 Idaho State FFA Officers are:

President	Christine Schmid	New Plymouth High School
Vice President	Cody Park	Ririe High School
Secretary	Kimi Povey	American Falls High School
Treasurer	Casey Johnson	Meridian High School
Reporter	Mindy Jenkins	Kuna High School
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